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EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

At the first meeting of the new council held all councillors attended except Councillor Wright who was unable to be present on account of illness.

The following were appointed committees:

Councillors L. Michael, P. Deshayes and R. S. Haskayne for public works.
Councillors T. C. Brown and R. S. Haskayne, for fire, light and police.
Councillors A. W. Gilbert and J. H. Wright for irrigation.
Councillors P. Deshayes and L. Michael for Community Hall.
Councillors J. H. Wright, T. C. Brown and A. W. Gilbert for finance and relief.

The board of health consists of Dr. G. H. Parquharson, R. S. McQueen, N. T. Parcell, Dr. G. H. Wright, Dr. Barlow and S. E. Lester. Dr. Parquharson was appointed medical health officer for the year 1941 at a fee of \$100.

Messrs. Collins & Collins, chartered accountants, Calgary, were reappointed auditors for this year.

The regular meetings of the council were set for the first Monday of each month.

The mayor and all the councillors waived any claim for remuneration for their services. Councillor L. Michael was appointed deputy mayor for the ensuing three months.

The assessment of last year was again adopted for the year 1941 subject to the right of appeal.

The secretary-treasurer was reappointed assessor to assess all parcels and improvements which did not appear on the assessment roll of the previous year.

The amending of the truck licensing by-law was left over for another meeting. The matter of trimming back some of the trees in town was given attention and arrangements were made to have Engineer Lester attend to this.

Repairs to the water works system was given considerable attention, and it was decided to put in new pipe along the Community Hall corner to the telephone office.

ITEMS OF INTEREST CRAFTSMAN AND DISTRICT

Private Jack Sheets was a visitor to the Craigmaitland district. He was returned to the district with him.

Mr. Henry Dackworth made a trip to Medicine Hat to see her son Pete off to Fort William. We cannot say for sure what Pete has joined.

Si Sheets thinks he has a home on the farm again. Her health is slowly improving.

Mr. B. Schrier is home on the farm again. Her health is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Collins of Strathmore and formerly of Craigmaitland have left to take up residence in Victoria, where Eddie has got a good position with the Ford Motor Co. We all wish them luck.

Johnnie Grant and Carl Collins have arrived at Camp Brandon. They were left Calgary recently with the Petro Battalion.

Boy Sheets expects to leave for the east soon. He is at present at Currie Barracks.

Gordon and Mrs. Gibbel of Royalites were week end visitors at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Grant. This was a family gathering in honor of Mrs. Collins and children Colleen and Myrna who are leaving for Victoria.

The bus service between Craigmaitland and Standard schools has been good up to the present but it might be a bit heavy from now on.

With so many of our young lads joining the different branches of the army there is gradually developing a scarcity of young men of the age of 18 and over. The young men of that age who are remaining home and physical fit for the army will soon find their lot a difficult one.

DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER VISITS BRITISH AIR STATION



Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester takes the salute during a visit to a British Air Force Fighter Command Headquarters. She wears the uniform of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force of which she is an Air Commandant.

News Items of Local Interest

The Meadowbrook Hall is staging a St. Patrick's dance on March 17. The committee in charge have laid plans for a big time that evening.

Robert Riddell is now a member of the air force having joined up last Saturday. He will not be called up for duty for a while yet.

The dance given Friday night by the 22nd Battery with Benny Pops orchestra was not as well attended as the soldier boys hoped it would be. However, all who attended reported having had a swell time.

Gordon Bogie, who is a member of the Canadian army and stationed in Ontario is home on leave. He will be here for a week or so yet before returning east.

Bert Boos has joined the air force and last week passed through town en route to the Manning Post at Brandon. At Brandon he will meet a number of other lads from this district who are already in the air force.

Mrs. Duncan McBean has received word from Scotland that her sister was killed when a German bomb struck her home. Mrs. McBean's sister was not instantly killed when hit but lived for some 20 minutes after the air raid was over.

Recently the U.F.W.A. held a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLeay. Mr. Donald MacArthur, Mr. Eddie Holland, Mrs. R. Burne and Mrs. Karl Sammons received the whist prize. The lovely luncheon was served by Mrs. McLeay, Mrs. McKeever, Mrs. G. McBean, Mrs. Koefoed and Mrs. Walker.

According to a report from Ottawa dated March 8 there were 511 War Savings pledges made by the people of Gleichen and district. Strathmore pledges amounted to 195 and their quota was only 100. They have almost doubled the number of pledges required from that area. The Gleichen quota is not announced. At Standard 45 pledges have been signed out of a quota of 100.

Denny Woods arrived in town from Montreal to spend a few days visiting relatives and friends. Denny

joined the air force some months ago and for a while was located in Toronto later being sent to Montreal and when he returns for duty he will report in Winnipeg. Denny states that none of the air force lads like Toronto as the civilians do not appear to be the least interested in them. But in Montreal it is a different story as the citizens of that city do everything they can to make living there a pleasure. Sunday Denny's parents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woods, entertained a number of his friends at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Toone of the old Sun School staff are giving up their duties there and will in a short time leave for the coast where Mr. Toone intends to go into business. Mr. Toone has been on the staff of the school for some years and during the winter months spent a lot of his spare time teaching the Indians how to play hockey.

Health badges were presented to Jean Dufoe, Agnes Boyd, Rosemary Jean MacGilbert, Betty Jane McQueen and Mary Le Copland at the last Guide meeting. At this meeting war was started on an Afghan for refugee children. Mrs. Ashby kindly consented to help the Guides with their work which the members appreciate very much. The Guides wish to thank all those who helped to make their sale of home cooking the success it was.

The U. F. W. A. held their meeting at the home of Mrs. S. Hall with nine members present. The vice-president Mrs. McKeever called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by "What you read first in the paper." Mrs. McKeever read a paper on "How to Grow Plants and Flowers in Winter." A lovely tea was served by the hostess and her helpers. Next meeting will be held on March 13 at the home of Mrs. J. W. Hutchison. Members please remember the "White Elephant."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those people who assisted in any way in saving our household effects at the time of the fire which destroyed our home.

MR. and MRS. T. ROBINSON.

THE RUM ISSUE

BY FRED JONES
This Column Given to News of the Gleichen Branch of the Canadian Legion

The Rum Issue! Stand Tol

I met the first crowd on Feb. 13 near Morley. Whether he was just newly arrived from the south or one of those tough old birds who had decided to stick it I cannot say. The exceptionally mild winter has, no doubt, induced many birds to remain and I have seen lawns at intervals all winter.

I would just like to say a few words to the small legion branches scattered throughout the country. Although sadly reduced in membership due to war work, etc., that they should not lose heart and give up the ship. Remember that the local branch, Canadian Legion, is not only a small integral part of the Canadian organization but a member of British Empire Service League, one of the most far-flung organizations in the world. It's membership reaches the farthest and smallest outpost in the British Commonwealth of Nations. So don't get disgusted and quit if there are only three or four to carry it. The same thing is happening all over the world.

"And thus when a great man dies for years beyond our ken. The good he leaves behind him shines on the path of men."

The words of the poet best express the loss to the nation of Sir Frederick Lambton. As a man his death meant the loss of one of the two most far-flung organizations in the world. They were all soldiers in the service of their country but it is what Sir Frederick has done for humanity by fighting the threatened diabetes and cancer. His discovery of insulin has saved prolonged the lives of many people that the number can only be imagined. But man has no control of the length of time he may live. He is in the hands of fate and Sir Frederick has accomplished more than the average man in half of our lifetime and has not others as eager and willing on the way to carry on the work he has left.

I read a short time ago where careers were to be provided for refugee children when they became of age. It is alright and I will not object but how about your children and mine. Why not provide a career when we are in the line. When our children leave school they can starve for all anyone cares. I thought that privilege of starving to death had been a special one reserved for the returned soldiers after the last war but I was evidently mistaken. There is no favoritism in Canada! We can all starve. But not after this war I hope, I hope.

The enemies of our country do not pass up any chance to hinder the war effort and they are doing what they can to prevent people from buying War Savings by engendering doubts as to the value of our money after the war but we must remember that war bonds and certificates or stamps are as good as the money and we are actually just that. We do not have any gold currency any more so it is all paper and all alike. If one is no good neither is the other but although there will likely be changes there is no reason to see the wind up. We will always have some kind of exchange and our savings are as safe as the country itself. Of course, if you have no hope for the future you can always commit suicide. Better stick around though! I predict a nice warm summer.

Lights Out!

Sam Dufoe, the genial rink manager, has closed up the joint for the season, although the children may still catch there during the day time. The amount of money taken in this winter was the poorest in the history of the rink. In other words the rink is in the hole financially. There was one or two Warner games and it is they who make the rink pay since they draw the crowds. Some may say the rink was poorly supported by the public which is true. But what attractions were there to draw the public to the rink? The people cannot be attracted by second or third

THE OTTAWA LETTER

BY DR. F. W. GERSHAW

During the debate on the Defence of Canada regulations, Mrs. Nielsen, M.P., for North Battleford, read a letter she had received from her constituency. The letter quoted a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer as telling that she was "foolish" in her attitude toward the regulations. "Can't she see that the law will put her behind the wires," he said. The officer is also said to have remarked: "She will be there before long if she keeps up the pace she has been hitting for they'll frame up something under the Fifth Column, or agitation against the war effort, or disloyalty."

All this went on the record, the poor police officer will be questioned and asked to explain about the effort to frame any one. Wallace R. Campbell of the Ford Motor Company, stated: "Canada has become the most important source of mechanical transport for the Empire. All the trucks used in the African campaign have been supplied by Canada, and have proven to be equal to the best made anywhere. More than 90,000 have been delivered for military purposes in the Empire."

It is one of the ironies of circumstance that the Senate, in war time does not have any other time, in the House of the Comfortable Unemployed. They meet and adjourn because at this stage of the season there is nothing for them to do. Many of the senators would welcome more work. The commons is deluged with work and they seem to have no account of the constitution to be impossible for the Senate to share the burden. All the legislation has relation to the war and involves money and plenty of it. Money bills go to the Senate but they cannot be initiated there. The war appropriations, the estimates, the budget, and anything related to them must constitutionally be started in the Commons. Apparently nothing

rate hockey. The war has played havoc with the Gunners since most of the younger players have joined the colors and left town. Those players left in town lost all interest in hockey so much so they did not get out and practice. They did not want to play hockey; they did not want to go to the rink; there was no desire of competition to see who would get on the

can be done about it either by the Upper House or by the government, considering the expenditure of taxes. Democratic institutions move slowly, perhaps too slowly during a war, but long experience with trial and error has built them up as they now are.

A government cannot go ahead and do business like a private concern. They must listen to long hours of discussion by members who often have not the complete picture of the transaction before them. They are also subject to newspaper attack, and they must be in a position to justify every detail of their activities. The Public Accounts Committee can be called by any member to make an investigation. In addition, a committee on war expenditure is now organized and it will be their function to call ministers and officers before them to justify every contract and every dollar spent.

It is sometimes stated that outstanding men should come into the government. Some have come in and are working for \$1.00 per year, and doing a great national service. None of them, however, will go into the cabinet and face the barrage which daily is heaped on the ministers. It is hard to find supermen, and harder to get them elected, and to have the support to the constant questioning that is part of the system.

All the members here recognize that if the liberals and conservatives united for the support of a war time government, criticism would be more bitter and prolonged from other groups who would not on any account support any union effort. These problems have been freely discussed and the general feeling is that the government elected a year ago should go ahead and serve the country in this time of great trial, take full responsibility, be held strictly accountable for their action, and take what measure of praise or blame fate may have in store for it.

team. So high class hockey just faded out. Gleichen is not the only town to suffer loss of hockey talent as towns all over the country suffered the same fate. There is no doubt that it will feel the lack of hockey interest until after the war and then will come the slow process of building up a team with the rising generation.

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**WHAT NAZIS WOULD DO TO
BRITISH PEOPLE**

(Extract from the London Daily Express.)

I told you last week how the Germans intended to make us slaves if they conquered us. Some foolish people who do not understand the Germans doubt that.

Let them ponder over this. It was sent to me last week by a British general. It is a note of what was said to him not so very long ago by an active Nazi agent operating in a country which has since fallen to Germany.

"As soon as we beat England, we shall make an end of you English once and for all. Able bodied men and women will be exported as

slaves to the continent. The old and weak will be exterminated.

"All men remaining in Britain—as slaves—will be sterilized. A million or two of the young women of the Nordic type will be segregated in a number of stud farms, where with the assistance of picked German sires, they will during a period of 10 or 12 years produce nearly annually a series of Nordic infants to be brought up as Germans.

These infants will form the future population of Britain. They will be partially educated in Germany and only those who fully satisfy Nazi requirements will be allowed to return to Britain and take up permanent residence. The rest will be sterilized and sent to join the slave gangs in Germany. Thus in a generation or two the British will disappear."

You may think no nation would do this—not even Germany. But remember it is being done in Poland today.

Every German you leave alive in an invasion comes brings you a shade nearer such a Nazi paradise.

COMING EVENTS

March 17—St. Patrick's dance at Meadowbrook Hall.

**FROM THE FILES OF
GLEICHEN CALL
TWENTY YEARS AGO**

Jack Robinson, the champion scotch, was so pleased with beating the Scotch at their own game he entertained his rink at a banquet.

The wonderful spring weather continues and farmers are preparing to start work on the land.

David McLean has returned from his western trip with out a "turn" and might be glad to get in out of the wet—don't get wrong on that last word.

Let Livingston after exploring for several years east and west has returned to the Pioneer Market and looks quite natural in his old position.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill have returned from Long Beach, Calif. They say it was cold and wet down there all winter.

A. Vivian Symes returned on Monday from England after an absence of three months. He was glad to get back to Gleichen and states that with the exception of five days there was rain every day while in England.

Fred Williams has returned from the Pacific coast, where he spent several weeks holidaying.

L. Michael has moved his tin shop and plumbing business to the corner of Gleichen Street and Third Ave.

W. K. Brown has opened up in the Larkin Block in the clothes cleaning and pressing business.

President W. J. McMillen of the curling club, fell off the roof of the rink while shovelling snow and dislocated his shoulder, broke a couple ribs and a small bone in his wrist, but is still able to skip. Mack now thinks there is far more fun curling on ice than on a roof—the sweep is different.

Gleichen hockey boys went to Basanora short three of their best players, who were replaced by school boys, yet they succeeded in making the score 5-3 in their favor. Walter James was referee to whom Basanora were hostile, but let it go as The Mail says, "he was probably a little inexperienced, but Gleichen won by playing good hockey." To console the Basanora their boys played a game of bowling and won by 47 pins, and a little later won a few other innocent little games before the train arrived.

**LIST OF SOLDIERS
ENLISTED FROM
THIS DISTRICT**

Each week for several weeks past more names have been added to the list below. This goes to show that there is a steady flow of men from this district to join up.

- H. Boos.
- K. Riddell.
- H. Davenport.
- J. McMillen.
- C. Kilgus.
- Major W. E. Taylor, 109 Bat. R.C.A.
- Major R. Dodgson, M.M., O.C., Anti-Tank Battery.
- Lieut. J. Cook, 109 Bat. R.C.A.
- C. O. Phillips, R.C.H.A.
- W. Hill, R.C.H.A.
- H. Bogstie, R.C.H.A.
- W. E. Bogstie, R.C.A.
- T. Mausa, R.C.C.S.
- W. Schmidt, R.C.C.S.
- Geo. Souter, R.C.A.S.C.
- V. Anglin, R.C.A.S.C.
- A. Pascoe, R.C.A.S.C.
- G. Bogstie, R.C.A.S.C.
- N. Gregory, R.C.A.M.G.
- T. C. Boos, R.C.A.
- L. Woods, R.C.A.
- R. Willis, R.C.A.
- B. Birch, R.C.A.

- John Bell, Calgary Highlanders.
- S. Guthrie, Calgary Highlanders.
- J. Guthrie, Calgary Highlanders.
- R. Guthrie, Sandford Highlanders.
- J. W. Desjardine, R.C.A.
- L. McHugh, R.C.O.G.
- C. McHugh, R.C.O.G.
- J. Walker, R.A.F.
- G. Walker, R.A.F.
- James Plant, R.A.F.
- O. Bremner, R.C.A.M.G.
- H. Jones, Engineers
- C. P. Evans, R.C.A.P.
- C. McLeod, R.C.A.F.
- W. MacCallum, R.C.A.F.
- J. House, R.C.A.F.
- A. Clifford, R.C.A.F.
- F. Michael, R.C.A.F.
- A. Riddell, R.C.A.F.
- D. Woods, R.C.A.F.
- L. Gilbert, R.C.A.F.
- R. Desjardine, R.C.A.P.
- J. W. Nicholas, R.C.A.P.
- E. Day, R.C.A.F.
- K. Watts, R.C.A.F.
- J. Richards, R.C.A.
- T. Dankworth, R.C.A.
- I. Moore, R.C.A.
- T. Downey, R.C.A.M.G.
- G. Bogstie, R.C.A.S.C.
- J. Grant Petzel Co., R.C.A.S.C.
- R. Sheets, R.C.A.S.C.
- J. Sheets, R.C.A.S.C.
- R. Fairburn R.C. Navy.
- W. Thorburn, R.C. Navy.
- A. Bremner, Provost Co.
- R. Moss, R.E.
- F. Moss, R.C.E.
- M. Moss, R.C.C.S.
- W. Service, Home Guard.
- F. W. Jones, Home Guard.
- Enlisted in 22nd-78th Battery, R.C.A.

- E. E. Lester
- R. C. Clifford
- E. T. Woods
- M. W. Murray
- W. E. Murray
- V. E. Jennings
- L. R. Thorburn
- N. H. Prestwich
- R. Taylor
- S. Barnabach
- S. Brown
- O. Engstrom
- G. V. Newell
- L. Davenport
- J. G. Neil
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- W. Oiler, Jr., R.C.A.
- W. Payne, R.C.A.
- G. S. Brown, R.C.A.
- Tom James, R.C.A.
- K. McLaughlin, R.C.A.
- S. McDermitt, R.C.A.
- O. Labl, R.C.A.
- E. Kingmish
- S. Schultz, R.C.A.
- John James R.C.A.S.C.

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